

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY

Exceptional Events

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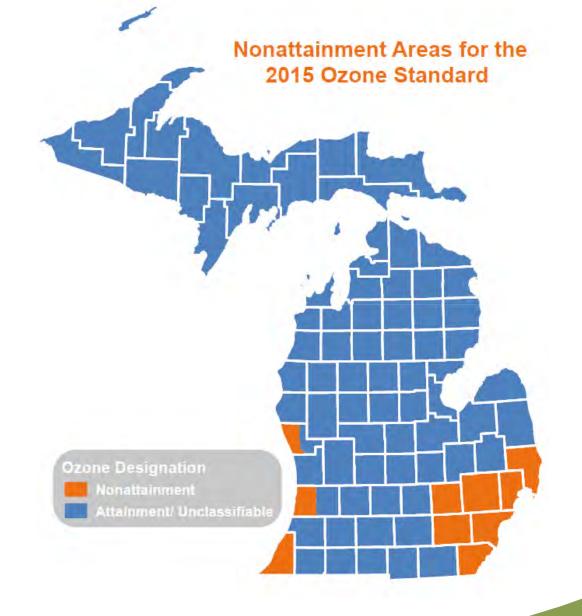


What is an Exceptional Event (EE)?

unusual or naturally occurring event that is not reasonably controllable and can affect air quality

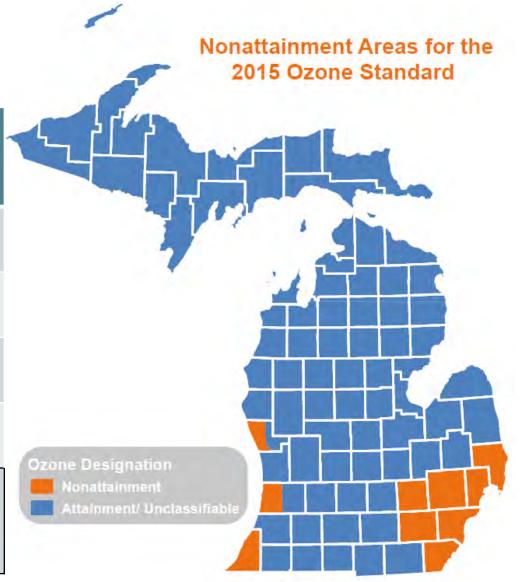
includes wildfires, high wind dust events, prescribed fires, stratospheric ozone intrusions, and volcanic and seismic activities

allows the event influenced data to be excluded from the Design Value (DV) calculation



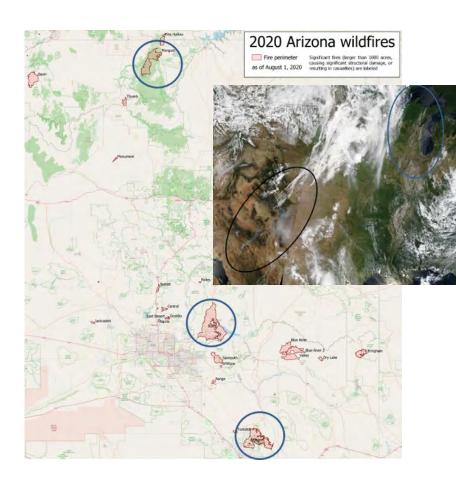
Ozone 3-year Design Values (DVs)

County	2018-2020
Muskegon	76 ppb
Allegan	73 ppb
Berrien	72 ppb
Ozone 2015 NAAQS Standard	70 ppb





2020 Wildfires



Current Wildland Fires as of August 24 2020 - 0800 Hours Fire Information is taken from the National Fire and Aviation Management (FAMWEB) in the form of ICS-209 reports. Cal OES GIS considers the FAMWEB ICS-209s as the authoritative fire information source. For a fire to be tracked by Cal OES GIS it needs to be: >100 acres in size, Have an ICS-209 form. CalOES GIS indicates a fire as contained when it has reached >=90%

June 17-20, 2020

August 26, 2020

DV's with Approved Wildfire Exceptional Events Demonstrations

Muskegon Co. Muskegon	Allegan Co. Holland	Berrien Co. Coloma
70 ppb (2020 4 th high)	70 ppb	69 ppb
Could qualify for a 1-year attainment date extension w/exclusion of June 18-20, 2020, and August 26, 2020	Possible attainment w/exclusion of June 17-20, 2020, and August 26, 2020, data	Possible attainment w/exclusion of June 17-20, 2020, ozone data

Ozone NAAQS

70 ppb



Public Comment Period and Next Steps

Public Comment period was held March 22, 2021 – April 20, 2021



Two comments received; one in support and one in opposition.

The demonstrations along with the comments received are currently being reviewed and considered for submittal to EPA by EGLE management.

Questions?

